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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003 (Paper No. 3), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) A system for managing an IT infrastructure having a plurality of components for providing a plurality of services, said system comprising:

an agent associated with each of the components, said agent identifying each transaction of a service performed by said IT infrastructure; and

an information collection system for collecting from said agents transaction information relating to each service performed, said system determining from said transaction information which of said components are involved in said transaction.